

# Monthly TCP Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2023 | Meeting called to order by A.J. Prussin

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## In Attendance

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A.J. Prussin, Carrie Cox, Diane Agud, Joseph Cooley, Lydia Qualls, Nick Quint, Paul Avey, LaTawnya Burleson, Kayla Dean, James Perkins, Pam Tate, Jonathan Bradley, Alan Munshower and Elizabeth McLain

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## New Business

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### Q.-Lot changes over winter break

- Pam Tate explained that over winter break VT will lose a lot of spaces due to the Mitchell Hall project. The rescue spots that are currently in Upper Stanger will be moved to the Lower Stanger. The spaces in Upper Stanger are converting to temporary ADA spaces, which will help with the loss of spaces on Old Turner Street. We will be losing some government vehicle spaces, carpool and other spaces due to construction. Owens will convert back to FS 7am-5pm and any university permit from 5pm-10pm. Parking services will also look at other 24 hour lots for the possibility of converting those to any university permit after 5pm.
- Carrie Cox shared the intent is to have Lower Stanger back by January. This cannot be guaranteed but it is the goal.

### Q.-Would the carpool spots being removed in Lower Stanger be reconfigured elsewhere?

- Pam Tate said parking services is looking at what other universities do; as well as the “difficult spaces” on campus due to signage. Parking services is looking into doing away with dedicated carpool spaces. Patrons would still get a discounted permit, but they will just park in a FS or student space. If they have a student carpool, they would park in a student space.

### Q.-ADA discussion.

- Lydia Qualls explained she has concerns with the ADA spots and the communication around those spots.
- Elizabeth McLain shared she has concerns also about policies and communication, because some individuals are not aware where they can park and in what spaces.
- Pam Tate stated parking services is working on updating rules and regulation for Fall 2024.
- Elizabeth McLain shared with the spaces changing it will present problems for the disability community.
- Elizabeth McLain asked if we are aware that the street near upper Stanger is not safe for the disability community, due to multiple reasons.
- Elizabeth McLain shared she is very concerned about the relocation of ADA spots to the edge of campus as it would be hard to use them. One of the relocation spots for Randolph would increase the commute from parking by 0.25 miles and that is not feasible for a lot of people.
- Joe Cooley shared his group is constantly working on the ADA spaces and if there are new concerns let him know. The movement of ADA spaces is a constant conversation between Joe Cooley and Parking Services.

- Pam Tate said parking services is looking into converting some spaces on the Drill field near Patton Hall to ADA spots.
- Elizabeth McLain asked about the spaces on Alumni Mall (spots that are by Torgersen.) Pam Tate and Joe will meet about those spaces and look into converting the current carpool spaces to ADA spots.
- Carrie Cox shared that parking services is open to ideas, but as to the decision of where we are putting temporary ADA spaces VT is in a tough spot as there are not many choices.
- Elizabeth McLain also explained that the buses are not accessible and a lot of the stops are also a not accessible.
- Joe Cooley shared that there are 2 accessible spaces in the little lot between Squires and Newman, but he understands those are not easily useable spaces. Elizabeth McLain also explained that these spots are not useable due to the angle and trying to safely getting out of your vehicle. Carrie Cox will consider changing those to services spaces.
- Carrie Cox will also work on getting the interactive map updated with ADA spaces.
- Elizabeth McLain explained that you could not check the map while driving on campus. It works if you check it beforehand. She also shared that VT is seeing more (student and current FS) disabled individuals on campus, because of COVID. The SSD is seeing a higher percentage that needs ADA spaces. If you need an advocate at meetings, Elizabeth would be happy to join any meeting.

**Q.-There is no additional parking at the North End Garage**

- Lydia Qualls said that Cooks Counseling moved over to the Gilbert Street and there is no additional parking in the North End garage. Its full by 9am and if you leave for lunch, you can't get a space when you return.
- Carrie Cox explained that there is no additional parking in that area other than getting lower Stanger back. The departments that moved to Gilbert have caused significant parking challenges over there. There is not any solution other than Perry Street for closer parking. VT does have a new planned garage, but that is multiple years away and a location has not been determined.
- Lydia Qualls shared there are concerns that the only student parking is on the seventh floor and it is in an open part of the garage. Her director wanted that on the radar as a concern, as students that need mental help may be going up there to park

**Q.- Shuttle route from the parking garages to central campus.**

- Carrie Cox explained that "shuttle" is not the right term because we can't provide a shuttle. VT routinely has conversations with BT regarding routing. Carrie goes to the Virginia Tech/BT Team meeting which is once a month. They will continue to talk about new routes with the multimodal facility opening this fall. The intent is to have an internal campus loop.

**Q.-Updates on Policy 5005 and 5501**

- James Perkins shared the revised for policy 5005 Bicycles and other Transportation devises and policy 5501 Electric/Gas utility/All Terrain-type Vehicles. He asked that if anyone has any comments to reach out by before the end of the week. They are on the last stages, before it goes to the vice president for review.

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## Next Meeting

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January 9, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., Zoom